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Top Stories

- President Donald Trump is set to sign an executive order today directing agencies to dedicate more resources to artificial intelligence research and training, a senior administration official confirmed in a conference call with reporters. The order, which does not dedicate funding for AI research, comes amid concerns that China's advanced technology development will surpass that of the United States. (The New York Times)
- U.S. officials warned in a briefing of the growing influence of Chinese telecommunications company Huawei Technologies Co. has over small and mid-sized states in Central and Eastern Europe, saying many of the countries "have a higher propensity for corruption" that could allow China

to gain control within the European Union. The warning comes ahead of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's visit to Hungary, Slovakia and Poland this week. (Financial Times)

- Federal prosecutors in the Manhattan U.S. attorney's office are reviewing how The National Enquirer handled a story about Amazon Inc. CEO Jeff Bezos' affair, according to people familiar with the matter, to see if the publication's parent company, American Media Inc., violated an earlier cooperation deal after Bezos accused AMI of extortion. (Bloomberg)

Chart Review

The government is using the wrong data to make crucial decisions about the internet
Recode

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

02/10/2019

IAB Annual Leadership Meeting

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IAB Annual Leadership Meeting

Brookings Institution's "Smart cities and artificial intelligence" event	10:00 am

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IAB Annual Leadership Meeting	
Charlotte CIO Executive Leadership Summit	7:30 am
Inventing America Presents: Restoring America's Place as the Global Patent and Innovation Leader	8:30 am
National Insider Threat Special Interest Group Maryland Chapter meeting	9:00 am
ITIF's "Moving America: How Policymakers Can Accelerate Automation in Freight Transportation" panel discussion	10:00 am
Digital Content Next Legal and Legislative Committee Call	11:00 am
IBM Think	3:30 pm

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IBM Think	6:30 am
House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on T-Mobile-Sprint merger	10:00 am
The Information's Panel on Hybrid Cloud and Microservices at IBM's Think	12:30 pm

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IBM Think	6:30 am
House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on T-Mobile-Sprint merger	10:00 am
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on energy cybersecurity	10:00 am
FCC February Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am

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IBM Think	8:30 am

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Google's top policy chief calls for 'common rules of the road' globally for tech regulation
Arjun Kharpal, CNBC

Google's top policy chief has called for "common rules of the road" globally when it comes to the regulation of technology, amid ongoing debate around the world on how to create legislation for the internet economy.

Amazon Proposes Facial Recognition Guidelines to Policymakers
Frank Konkel, Nextgov

Amazon offered Congress and other policymakers a set of guidelines regarding facial recognition technologies-of which it is one of the world's foremost suppliers with its Rekognition software.

The tech industry's 2020 Trump trap
Nancy Scola, Politico

The 2020 presidential campaign is shaping up as a major political headache for tech companies still reeling from blowback over the support they offered Donald Trump's campaign and the Republican Party in the last election.

The Internet, Divided Between the U.S. and China, Has Become a Battleground
Josh Chin, The Wall Street Journal

As China and the West race for 5G dominance, two digital powers with very different approaches to technology are staking out their corners.

The Pentagon's cloud strategy to catch up to the commercial tech industry
Aaron Gregg, The Washington Post

An outdated, patchwork approach to managing computer systems has slowed the U.S. military's adoption of artificial intelligence at a time when rival nations are investing deeply in those capabilities, U.S. military officials wrote in a strategy document released last week.

Stocks Advance as Key Week for Trade Kicks Off: Markets Wrap

Todd White, Bloomberg

Stocks rose in Europe and U.S. equity futures turned higher at the start of a week that could be pivotal for the global trade outlook. The dollar strengthened for an eighth day.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Fight heats up over T-Mobile's $26 billion deal with Sprint
David McCabe, Axios

T-Mobile CEO John Legere and Sprint executive chairman Marcelo Claure will be pitching their companies' $26 billion merger before Congress this week, hoping to ease lawmaker's concerns about wireless competition while pushing the tie-up as a key part of the nation's 5G quest.

Huawei Threatens Lawsuit Against Czech Republic After Security Warning
Marc Santora, The New York Times

In an attempt to push back against attempts to limit its reach in Europe, the Chinese technology giant Huawei threatened legal action against the Czech Republic if its cybersecurity agency did not rescind its warning about the risk the company poses to the nation's critical infrastructure.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Rural U.S. Carriers Resist Proposed Chinese Telecom Ban Aimed at Huawei
John D. McKinnon and Stu Woo, The Wall Street Journal

President Trump is weighing an executive order that could ban Chinese telecommunications gear from U.S. networks, but the plan is facing resistance from U.S. carriers in rural areas whose networks run on Huawei Technologies Co. equipment.

Texas Bill Aims To Stop Companies From 'Throttling' Internet Service During Disasters
Mose Buchele, KUT News

A bill in the Texas House of Representatives would make it a crime for telecommunications companies to impair mobile internet service in declared disaster areas. It comes after firefighters in California had their data plans "throttled" by Verizon during wildfires there.

New FCC commissioner says digital divide, fighting robocalls among priorities
Margaret Harding McGill, Politico

The FCC's newest commissioner first realized just how deep the digital divide goes while getting a haircut more than a decade ago. Democrat Geoffrey Starks, 39, was debating sports in a Kansas City barbershop when he suggested everyone look up some information at home to settle some facts before his next trim.

University of California Berkeley bans new research projects with Huawei after US indicts Chinese telecoms giant
Robert Delaney, South China Morning Post

The University of California's flagship campus in Berkeley, one of the world's top academic institutions, has halted new research collaborations with China's Huawei Technologies in the wake of sweeping US criminal indictments against the telecoms equipment giant.

What to expect from Mobile World Congress 2019
Brian Heater, TechCrunch

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: 2019 just might be the year that smartphones get fun again. After years of similar form factors and slight upgrades, the mobile industry's back is against the wall.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook Acquires Visual Shopping Startup to Bolster AI Work
Mark Gurman, Bloomberg

Facebook Inc. said it acquired visual shopping and artificial intelligence startup GrokStyle Inc. in a move to bolster the social-media company's own AI work. GrokStyle's technology, which was integrated into Ikea's mobile app, was

simple in practice.

What It's Like To Work Inside Apple's 'Black Site'
Joshua Brustein, Bloomberg

Apple's new campus in Cupertino, California, is a symbol of how the company views itself as an employer: simultaneously inspiring its workers with its magnificent scale while coddling them with its four-story café and 100,000-square-foot fitness center. But one group of Apple contractors finds another building, six miles away on Hammerwood Avenue in Sunnyvale, to be a more apt symbol.

Paris seeks $14 million from Airbnb for illegal adverts
Michel Rose, Reuters

The City of Paris is suing Airbnb for publishing 1,000 illegal rentals adverts, which could cost the American rental website more than 12.5 million euros ($14 million), the mayor of Paris told a newspaper in an interview published on Sunday.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Cybersecurity Workers Scramble to Fix a Post-shutdown Mess
Lily Hay Newman, Wired

Two weeks out from the longest government shutdown in United States history-and with the possibility of another still looming-government employees are still scrambling to mitigate impacts on federal cybersecurity defenses. And the stakes are high.

'There's going to be a fight here to weaken it': Inside the lobbying war over California's landmark privacy law
Tony Romm, The Washington Post

A landmark law adopted in California last year to rein in the data-collection practices of Facebook, Google and other tech giants has touched off a lobbying blitz that could water it down, potentially undermining new protections that might apply to Internet users across the country.

Senate Peers Into Online Data Privacy

John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

The Senate Commerce Committee has scheduled a hearing on consumer data privacy, a hot-button issue in Washington with the revelations about edge provider data breaches, third-party sharing and other monetization of user info.

Undercover spy exposed in NYC was 1 of many
Raphael Satter, The Associated Press

When mysterious operatives lured two cybersecurity researchers to meetings at luxury hotels over the past two months, it was an apparent bid to discredit their research about an Israeli company that makes smartphone hacking technology used by some governments to spy on their citizens. The Associated Press has now learned of similar undercover efforts targeting at least four other individuals who have raised questions about the use of the Israeli firm's spyware.

23andMe's Growth Slows
Rolfe Winkler and Amy Dockser Marcus, The Wall Street Journal

23andMe Inc.'s sales growth was hit by privacy concerns last year, its chief executive said Thursday, at the same time touting the company's drug development pipeline that she hopes will power its next phase.

Users complain of account hacks, but OkCupid denies a data breach
Zack Whittaker, TechCrunch

It's bad enough that dating sites are a pit of exaggerations and inevitable disappointment, they're also a hot target for hackers.

One of Russia's Neighbors Has Security Lessons for the Rest of Us
Natalia Drozdiak, Bloomberg

Estonia is the first member state in the European Union that might be called Extremely Online. Over the past decade, the Baltic republic of 1.3 million people fully digitized its government services and medical data. More than 30 percent of Estonians voted online in the last elections, and most critical databases don't have paper backups.

Europe hopes to fend off election hackers with 'cyber sanctions'
Laurens Cerulus, Politico

A regime for "cyber sanctions" is taking shape - and it could already hit mischievous election hackers in May. The European Union is closing in on a procedure that would allow it to sanction foreign hacker groups when they target the upcoming EU election.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

T-Mobile's Compelling Case for Driving Innovation and Competition

Henry Waxman and Billy Tauzin, Morning Consult

Among the most critical responsibilities given to the United States Congress is oversight of government and industry, aimed at protecting and advocating on behalf of the American public. As former chairs of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we took this responsibility seriously, making genuine efforts to seek accountability where it was merited and bring a critical eye to both the intended and unintended consequences of policy decisions.

Privacy is a commons

Jon Evans, TechCrunch

"The commons is the cultural and natural resources accessible to all members of a society," quoth Wikipedia, "held in common, not owned privately." We live in an era of surveillance capitalism in a symbiotic relationship with advertising technology, quoth me.

Research Reports

Climate Change Still Seen as the Top Global Threat, but Cyberattacks a Rising Concern

Jacob Poushter and Christine Huang, Pew Research Center

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report last year expressing serious concerns about the possible impacts of climate change, both in the near and distant future. Broadly speaking, people around the world agree that climate change poses a severe risk to their countries, according to a 26-nation survey conducted in the spring of 2018. In 13 of these countries,

people name climate change as the top international threat.

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